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**Federal Legislative Activities Week of July 8, 2013**

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of July 8, 2013 below.

**Legislation, Hearings and Mark Ups**

The following bills are scheduled for consideration this week under suspension of House rules:

[H.R. 2609](#) - Energy-Water Development Appropriations for FY 2014 | The bill provides \$30.4 billion in discretionary funding for the Energy Department and federal water projects overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers — \$4.1 billion (12%) less than requested by the president and \$2.9 billion (9%) less than the FY 2013 enacted level. The measure represents the first GOP-drafted FY 2014 spending bill being brought to the floor that, in order to comply with a lower post-sequester discretionary spending limit, dramatically cuts domestic spending in order to increase funding for defense. It increases funding for nuclear weapons activities and uranium programs but cuts Energy Department energy programs by \$1.6 billion (17%) — including a 50% reduction for renewable-energy. The measure provides \$5.5 billion (53%) less than FY 13 enacted levels for civil projects of the Army Corps of Engineers — \$5.5 billion (53%) less than the FY 2013 enacted levels and provides no disaster relief funding. The Senate approved its \$34.8 billion version in June.

[H.R. 761](#) - National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act | The bill classifies domestic mining operations for strategic and critical minerals on federal lands as "infrastructure projects" in order to take advantage of a 2012 presidential order to federal agencies to streamline the permitting process for infrastructure projects. It also requires federal agencies to expedite the environmental review process for such mining operations and limits the judicial review process for mining permits. Bill sponsors say the measure will help reduce U.S. dependence on foreign imports of certain minerals and create jobs, while opponents argue that it amounts to a giveaway to the mining industry and will do little to speed up U.S. mineral production.

**Tuesday, July 9**

Mark Up - Fiscal Year 2014 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (Labor-HHS) Bill | 11 AM | Senate Appropriations Labor HHS Subcommittee. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

*The Role of Innovative Finance in Intercity Passenger Rail* | 10 AM | House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure| Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee. Click [here](#) to watch the hearing live.

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Legislative Hearing | 10 AM | House Veterans Affairs Committee | The following bills are scheduled to be heard:

[H.R. 1702](#) – Veterans Transportation Service Act - This bill would make permanent (under current law, expires on January 10, 2014) the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in connection with vocational rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, or care.

[H.R. 2065](#) – Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act - This bill would require recipients of per diem payments from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided.

### **Wednesday, July 10**

*Building Job Opportunities for Veterans* | 10 AM | Senate Joint Economic Committee. Click [here](#) to watch the hearing live.

Delay of the Employer Mandate | 10 AM | House Ways and Means Committee. The hearing will focus on the Obama Administration's decision to delay the employer mandate and the employer information reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act. The hearing will examine what led to the decision to delay the employer mandate, what authority Treasury is relying on to delay statutory provisions with clear implementation dates and Treasury's analysis of how the delay will impact other aspects of the health care law.

Mark Up - Fiscal Year 2014 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill | 11 AM | House Appropriations Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee.

### **Thursday, July 11**

Mark Up - Fiscal Year 2014 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (Labor-HHS) Bill | 10 AM | Senate Appropriations Committee. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Oversight Hearing on Wildfire and Forest Management | 10 AM | House Committee on Natural Resources

Legislative Hearing | 10:15 AM | House Veterans Affairs Committee | The following bill is scheduled to be heard:

[H.R. 813](#) - Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013 – This bill authorizes the provision of advance appropriations for the following discretionary (under current law, medical care) accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): (1) Veterans Health Administration Medical Services, Medical Support and Compliance, Medical Facilities, and Medical Research and Support; (2) National Cemetery Administration; and (3) Veterans Benefits Administration, Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program and for the following VA discretionary administration accounts: (1) general operating expenses, (2) information technology systems, (3) the Office of the Inspector General, (4) construction for major and minor projects, and (5) grants for the construction of state extended care facilities and veterans cemeteries.